

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 631
By Rhinehart

A RESOLUTION honoring Russell Anne Swafford-Talley.

WHEREAS, Russell Anne Swafford-Talley has served as Research Analyst for the House Commerce Committee for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Russell Anne Swafford-Talley previously served as Research Analyst for the Senate Education Committee from 1992 through 1994; and

WHEREAS, Russell Anne Swafford-Talley has diligently and loyally served these committees of the Tennessee General Assembly by evidencing intelligence, foresight, punctuality, common sense, integrity, dependability, hard work and much devotion to the General Assembly and her state; and

WHEREAS, Russell Anne Swafford-Talley will complete her law studies at the Nashville School of Law, will graduate in May of this year and undertake her bar examination in July; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing her duties as aforementioned, she has constantly been at the top of her class, while earning her law degree over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, this daughter of the beautiful Sequatchie Valley, and daughter of Neva and the late Russell Swafford, was born and raised in Pikeville, Tennessee and now resides in Dunlap, Tennessee, where she intends to practice law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Shelby Rhinehart states that "It's nice to have a Research Analyst that I feel could run the office in my absence at any time"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ben West, Jr. states that “Our ‘Madam Researcher’ is as thorough and complete a research assistant as anyone I have ever worked with. The Commerce Committee is always as prepared as possible for every meeting, thanks to her diligence. Her ebullient personality and ‘chipmunk laugh’ are a perfect complement to the hard-driving, workaholic attitude she puts into her job. She will make an exceptional attorney, and we will miss her in the Legislature”; and

WHEREAS, Representative Billy Rigsby states that “Russell Anne Swafford-Talley goes far beyond the call of duty to make sure each member of the Commerce Committee is well informed on each bill prior to their vote, as well as always providing a smile and kind words to all that might visit the Commerce Committee office. I know she will certainly be missed by Representative Rhinehart, but I also know that she will have a successful law practice in the future and I wish her the best of success”; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Jimmy Naifeh states that “Russell Anne has certainly been an asset to the House of Representatives. She has very unique qualities, having worked with the Honorable Chairman of our House Commerce Committee”; and

WHEREAS, Representative Butch Lewis states that “Russell Anne’s untiring work ethic not only has contributed greatly to the Commerce Committee but to many of the other members of the General Assembly, and especially to me”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate and commend Russell Anne Swafford-Talley for the high standards and excellence in the service she performed for this General Assembly and further congratulate her upon her graduation from law school while in service to her state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.